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Docket No.: OSTEONICS 3.0-380

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In re Patent Application of:
Wang et al.

Application No.: 10/071,667

Filed: February 8, 2002

For: POROUS METALLIC SCAFFOLD FOR
TISSUE INGROWTH

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-4, 6, 8-10, 14 and 15, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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